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Mr. Sullivan currently serves as Director for Contracting and National Security Acquisitions at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. This group has responsibility for examining the effectiveness of DOD's acquisition programs and practices in meeting its mission performance objectives and requirements. He has been directing GAO's F-35 reviews for over 15 years. In addition, he has directed reviews of several other major weapon system acquisitions such as F-22, Global Hawk, and various other major weapon acquisition programs for over 30 years. Mr. Sullivan has also developed and directs a body of work examining how the Department of Defense can apply best practices to the nation's largest and most technically advanced weapon systems acquisition system. This work has spanned a broad range of issues critical to the successful delivery of systems, including technology development; product development; transition to production; software development; program management; requirement-setting; cost estimating; and strategic portfolio management. The findings and recommendations from this work have played a major role in the department's recent acquisition policy revisions. Most recently, he has directed the GAO's annual assessment of major weapon systems programs for the Congress and GAO's work with Congress in establishing acquisition policy reforms. His team also provides the Congress with early warning on technical and management challenges facing these investments.

Mr. Sullivan has been with GAO for 33 years. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Indiana University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University.